

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IRENE KRISTAL, Individually and on behalf
of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

MESOBLAST LIMITED, SILVIU ITESCU,
JOSH MUNTNER, and FRED GROSSMAN,

Defendants.

CASE No.: 7:20-CV-08430-PMH

CLASS ACTION

~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES

This matter came on for hearing on August 15, 2022 (the "Settlement Hearing") on Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of litigation expenses. The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the Settlement Hearing and otherwise; and it appearing that notice of the Settlement Hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was disseminated to all Settlement Class Members who or which could be identified with reasonable effort, and that a summary notice of the hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was published in *Investor's Business Daily* and was transmitted over the *GlobeNewswire* pursuant to the specifications of the Court; and the Court having considered and determined the fairness and reasonableness of the award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses requested,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated March 28, 2022 (ECF No. 70) (the "Stipulation") and all

capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation.

2. The Court has jurisdiction to enter this Order and over the subject matter of the Action and all parties to the Action, including all Settlement Class Members.

3. Notice of Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of litigation expenses was given to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified with reasonable effort. The form and method of notifying the Settlement Class of the motion for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7)), due process, and all other applicable law and rules, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto.

4. Lead Counsel are hereby awarded attorneys' fees in the amount of \$666,667 (33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the Settlement Fund), and \$22,670.50 in reimbursement of Lead Counsel's litigation expenses (which fees and expenses shall be paid from the Settlement Fund), which sums the Court finds to be fair and reasonable.

5. In making this award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses to be paid from the Settlement Fund, the Court has considered and found that:

(a) The Settlement has created a fund of \$2,000,000 in cash that has been funded into escrow pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation, and that numerous Settlement Class Members who submit acceptable Claim Forms will benefit from the Settlement that occurred because of the efforts of Lead Counsel;

(b) Copies of the Postcard Notice were mailed to thousands of potential Settlement Class Members and nominees. Direct links to the Notice and Claim Form were emailed to thousands of potential Settlement Class Members. The Notice alerted Settlement Class Members that Lead Counsel would apply for attorneys' fees in an amount not exceed one-third of the Settlement Fund and for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses not to exceed \$50,000. There were no objections to the requested attorneys' fees and expenses;

(c) Lead Counsel has conducted the litigation and achieved the Settlement with skill, perseverance and diligent advocacy;

(d) The Action raised a number of complex issues;

(e) Had Lead Counsel not achieved the Settlement there would remain a significant risk that Lead Plaintiffs and the other members of the Settlement Class may have recovered less or nothing from Defendants;

(f) Lead Counsel devoted 666 hours, with a lodestar value of approximately \$539,491.50 to achieve the Settlement;

(g) The amount of attorneys' fees awarded and expenses to be reimbursed from the Settlement Fund are fair and reasonable and consistent with awards in similar cases; and

6. Lead Plaintiff Frank Fayz is awarded \$1,000 and Named Plaintiff David Caudle is awarded \$1,000 to be paid from the Settlement Fund as reimbursement for their lost time directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class.

7. Any appeal or any challenge affecting this Court's approval regarding any attorneys' fees and expense application shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of the Judgment.

8. Exclusive jurisdiction is hereby retained over the Parties and the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to this Action, including the administration, interpretation, effectuation or enforcement of the Stipulation and this Order.

9. In the event that the Settlement is terminated or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Order shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by the Stipulation.

10. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order, and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed. The Clerk of Court is also respectfully directed to terminate the motion sequence pending at Doc. 78.

SO ORDERED this 15th day of August, 2022.



HONORABLE PHILIP M. HALPERN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE